

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please update the claims in accordance with the claim listing found below.

CLAIMS:

We claim:

1-48. (Canceled)

49. (Currently amended) An ~~iRNA~~ antisense oligonucleotide complementary to nucleotides of a corresponding portion of the sequence SEQ ID No. 21 and which inhibits the expression of OB-RGRP, said ~~iRNA~~ antisense oligonucleotide comprising AS-14 (SEQ ID No. 2).

50. (Currently amended) A vector incorporating the ~~iRNA~~ antisense oligonucleotide as claimed in claim 49.

51. (Previously presented) A cell containing the vector as claimed in claim 50.

52. (Currently amended) A composition containing the ~~iRNA~~ antisense oligonucleotide, as claimed in claim 49 and acceptable excipients.

53. (Previously presented) A composition containing a vector as claimed in claim 50 and acceptable excipients.

54. (Previously presented) A composition containing a cell as claimed in claim 51 and acceptable excipients.